

## XXXVII CONGRESS...First Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, May 26.

NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT.

**Mr. POWELL** submitted the following:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Executive Authority of the Senate, in remitting closing the offices and suppressing the publication of *The World and Journal of Commerce* newspapers in the City of New-York, under circumstances which have been placed before the public, was an act unwaranted in itself, dangerous to the cause of the Union, in violation of the Constitution and subversive of the peace and safety of the country, and such as should be censured by the Senate.

## EFFICIENCY OF THE NAVY.

**Mr. HALE** reported his bill to provide for the efficiency of the Navy, which, as amended, authorizes the transfer on approval by the President of enlisted persons desiring to enlist in the naval service to serve during the remainder of their term of enlistment to permits any seaman drafted into the military service to accept naval service instead. It also permits enlisted men to be credited on the quota of each district, and gives the same bounty allowed to persons enlisting in the army.

## PRINTING BUREAUS.

**Mr. ANTHONY** from the Printing Committee introduced the House bill to pay in part for printing the documents of Congress. He stated that the publication of *The Correspondent's Guide* could not be continued under the present regulations, and for several years it had been continued alone because the late proprietor John C. Rice had made it the pride of his life in the expectation that Congress would afterward reimburse him for any loss he might incur in his laudable effort to secure accurate reports of the proceedings of the Senate.

The consideration of the subject was deferred.

**Mr. JOHNSON** (D., Md.) offered a resolution of inquiry, calling upon the President for information as to the delivery of some Argentines to the Spanish authorities.

The resolution was ordered to be printed.

## EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

**Mr. FESSENDEN** (Un. Min.) from the Committee on Finance reported the Legislative, Executive, and Diplomatic Appropriation bill, with the disagreements of the House thereon. He moved that the Senate adopt his position and accede to a Committee of Conference, to be appointed by the Chair, which was agreed to.

## INTERNAL REVENUE.

The Internal Revenue bill had been taken up, the Senate being in Committee of the Whole, and

**Mr. FESSENDEN** offered a substitute for the 77th section, while changing the phrasology, does not alter the effect of the section.

The House provided that manufactured tobacco, snuff, or cigars, may be transferred without the payment of the duty directly from the place of manufacture to a bonded warehouse, was retained, having been stricken out by the Senate Finance Committee.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. FESSENDEN, resolved after a recess of 4 o'clock till 7 o'clock, p.m., to hold night sessions until the passage of the Revenue Bill.

The amendment of the Finance Committee, striking off the tax on repairs of vessels propelled exclusively by sail, was rejected by 22 against 13.

The Senate at 4 o'clock took a recess till 7 o'clock.

## EVERENGE SESSION.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS.

On motion of Mr. LANE (Un. Kansas), it was resolved that the Secretary of the Interior be instructed to report to the Senate what tribes of Indians are in arms against the Government of the United States, the location and extent of the reserves of such Indian tribes, the terms by which they hold them, the amounts received by such tribes from the Rebel authorities, and the amounts paid and expended by the Government of the United States for the Indians, and also the names of those tribes which they were paid by the Union authorities, and also the numbers of the Indians of such tribes.

## FEDERATION'S COMMISSION.

On motion of Mr. SUMNER, it was resolved that the Secretary of War be requested to furnish the Senate a copy of the preliminary report and also of the final report of the American Freedmen's Inquiry Commission with the accompanying documents.

## TAX BILL.

The consideration of the Tax bill was resumed, and the reading of the bill continued.

Considerable debate arose on the Finance Committee's amendment, allowing Corporations and Companies to add the tax imposed to their rates of charges, any limitations existing by State law to the contrary notwithstanding, but it was finally agreed to.

The Senate at 9 P.M. adjourned without concluding the reading of the bill.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PUBLIC WORKS ON THE LAKES.

**Mr. WASHBURN** (Un. Ill.), from the Committee on Commerce, asked leave to report a bill appropriating \$250,000 for the preservation and repair of the public works on the Lakes and \$100,000 for similar purposes on the coast.

**Mr. WASHBURN** said that in the present condition of the country the Committee would not report any General River and Harbor bill, but they considered it necessary that the appropriation proposed should be made in order to save the works from destruction. This was all which could now be accomplished. He desired that the bill should be printed, and called up on a future occasion.

**Mr. STEVENS** (Un. Pa.) objected, unless the bill should be considered in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union.

**Mr. WASHBURN** gave notice that he would move for a suspension of the rules to introduce it next Monday.

## RECIPROCITY TREATY.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Reciprocity question.

**Mr. BAXTER** (Un. Vt.) proceeded to show that the term reciprocity as applied to the treaty, is a misnomer. No mutual rights are given to the United States by the British Provinces, and the treaty should be altered.

**Mr. J. C. ALLEN** (Dem., Ill.) opposed abrogation. With the Mississippi and the St. Lawrence closed, the West, the railroads and canals would cease to exist, and to pay tribute as they may exact.

**Mr. WASHBURN** (Un. Ill.) said we can expect better while the treaty is alive than if dead. The treaty is not what it should be, but it can be amended. It was beneficial to the fisheries and the shipbuilding interests, and it would be better to revise it than to abrogate it altogether.

**Mr. DAVIS** (Un. Md.) argued that a commercial treaty of this kind is a direct invasion of the constitutional prerogative of Congress to regulate commerce with foreign nations. Trade should be subjected to some regulation, but not to such as they may exact.

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**Mr. MURKIN** (Un. Vt.) said there was not a single gentleman who has addressed the House who did not admit at the outset that the treaty operates injuriously to the United States. There could be no good cause for offense in giving the notice for the abrogation of the treaty, because such notice is provided for in the treaty itself.

He was more than ever convinced that there is not a single interest which is benefited or can be benefited by this treaty.

**Mr. WASHBURN** (Un. Ill.) was in favor of abrogating the treaty, and said that if Great Britain gets the benefit of it, let Great Britain herself ask for other arrangements.

**Mr. ELLIOT** (Dem., N. Y.) who reported the joint resolution, in closing the debate, said that the position of the subject relating to the Liberties had been soundly discussed by the honorable member from Massachusetts (Eliot) that he (Ward) need not allude to it. The member from Maine (Pike) had stated that when the treaty was made we received annually a balance of \$16,000,000 in gold from the provinces. All our debts to the provinces never reached \$10,000,000.

He believed that the amount of the debts of the provinces to us, and the amount of the debts of the provinces to the United States, and the great Argentine Central Railroad. And the great Argentine Central Railroad from Rosario to Cordova, had been used to receive its materials.

It is miles in length, and will lead many ships with coal and stores, and the whole to be driven by steam power.

We are shortly to have a balloon ascension here on a novel scale. Mr. Wells, somewhat known as a balloonist in Europe as well as America, is shortly to make an attempt to cross the Alps.

It will be the first instance of a horse and blood starting directly, and by the air-line for the clouds, I need not add that Mr. Wells is an American.

There is a panic in the price of gold, or rather in that of paper, and the depreciation in paper has reached an alarming point. Ounces are \$470, with a prospect of going up to \$500. The country is again visited by the drouth, from which it had not fully escaped by the recent rains. Immense debts are deserted, and the increased facilities for business that are afforded by the changes that have to be made. The Commission sent to England to buy traction engines for this country has returned, and they promise a speedy realization of the project. With all the efforts to attract immigration to these shores the success is small. In 1863, the entire immigration to the valley of the La Plata, was only about 10,000, and this after concession of Government, and for the removal of the basis of the present treaty, and for the enlargement of the object.

Charles W. Wells, Esq., Vice Consul of the United States, has been appointed to the post of paymaster of the New-York Volunteers, on the 14th day of June last.

This was agreed to by a vote of 54 to 97.

The House then voted on Mr. Morris' substitute, namely, authorizing and requesting the President to

give the stipulated notice for the termination of the treaty.

This was also rejected by a vote of 74 to 82.

The original bill was not reported from the Committee on Commerce, and in remitting closing the offices and suppressing the publication of *The World and Journal of Commerce* newspapers in the City of New-York, under circumstances which have been placed before the public, was an act unwaranted in itself, dangerous to the cause of the Union, in violation of the Constitution and subversive of the peace and safety of the country, and such as should be censured by the Senate.

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**Mr. STEVENS** moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

The motion was disagreed to by a vote of 73 against 47.

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